

*Romans*

SERMON SERIES

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HOW DO WE  
LIVE THEN?

CHAPTERS 4-8



**Last Week's Sermon:**  
*Sin Boldly?*  
Romans 6:1-14

## Romans 5:12-14

<sup>20</sup> Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Romans 6:1-14

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

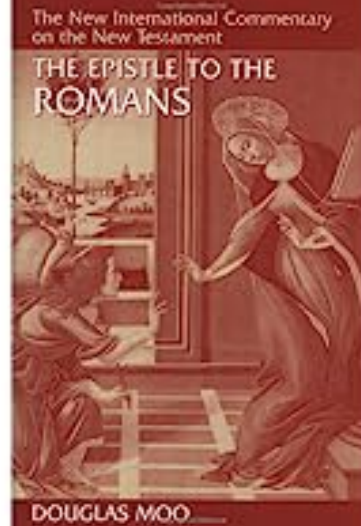
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*Under Grace*

Romans 6:15-23

Paul asserts in Rom. 6. Christ's death "on our behalf" (5:6–8) frees us not only from the *penalty* of sin but from the *power* of sin also. Justification – acquittal from the guilt of sin – and sanctification – deliverance from "sinning" – must not be confused, but neither can they be separated.

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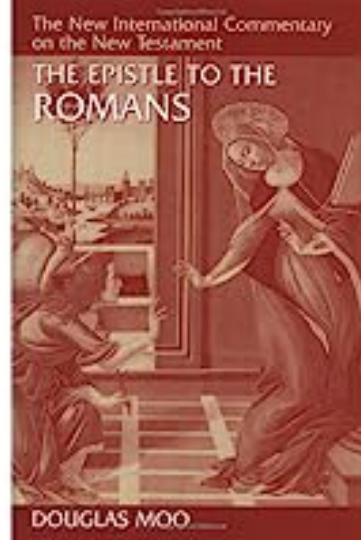
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Paul makes clear, there is no such thing as human autonomy, a freedom from all outside powers and influences. Either people are under the power of sin, or they are under the power of God. The question is not, then, whether one will have a master, but which master one will serve. Serving sin, Paul shows, leads to death; serving God, to life.

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**Same format for answering the sin question**

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**Thesis Statement for this Passage:**



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## John 8:31-34

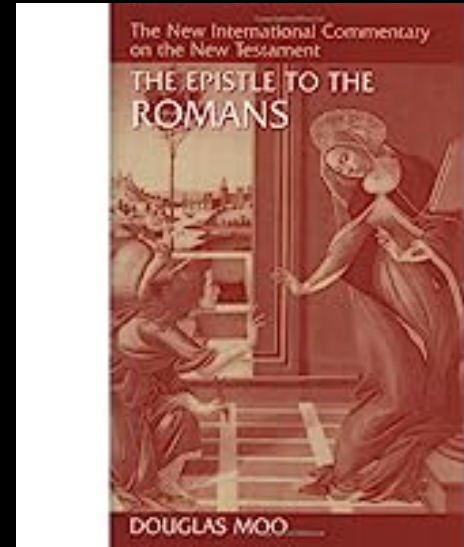
<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

<sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

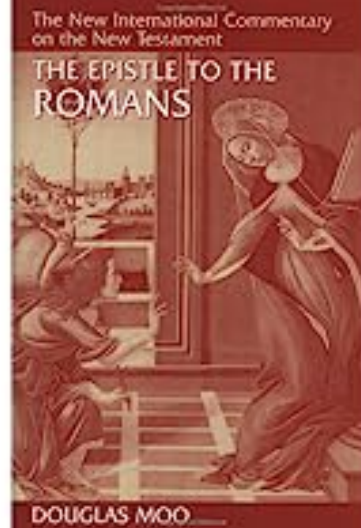
But Paul sees in God's grace not only a liberating power but a constraining one as well: the constraint of a willing obedience that comes from a renewed heart and mind and, ultimately (Gal. 5:17-24; Rom. 8:4-9), the impulse and leading of God's Spirit.

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Paul is out to emphasize the significance of obedience in the Christian life, in a context where such an emphasis is necessary to counter a false libertinism. The freedom of the Christian is not freedom to do what one wants, but freedom to obey God – willingly, joyfully, naturally. “Obedience,” says Calvin, “is the mother of true knowledge of God.”

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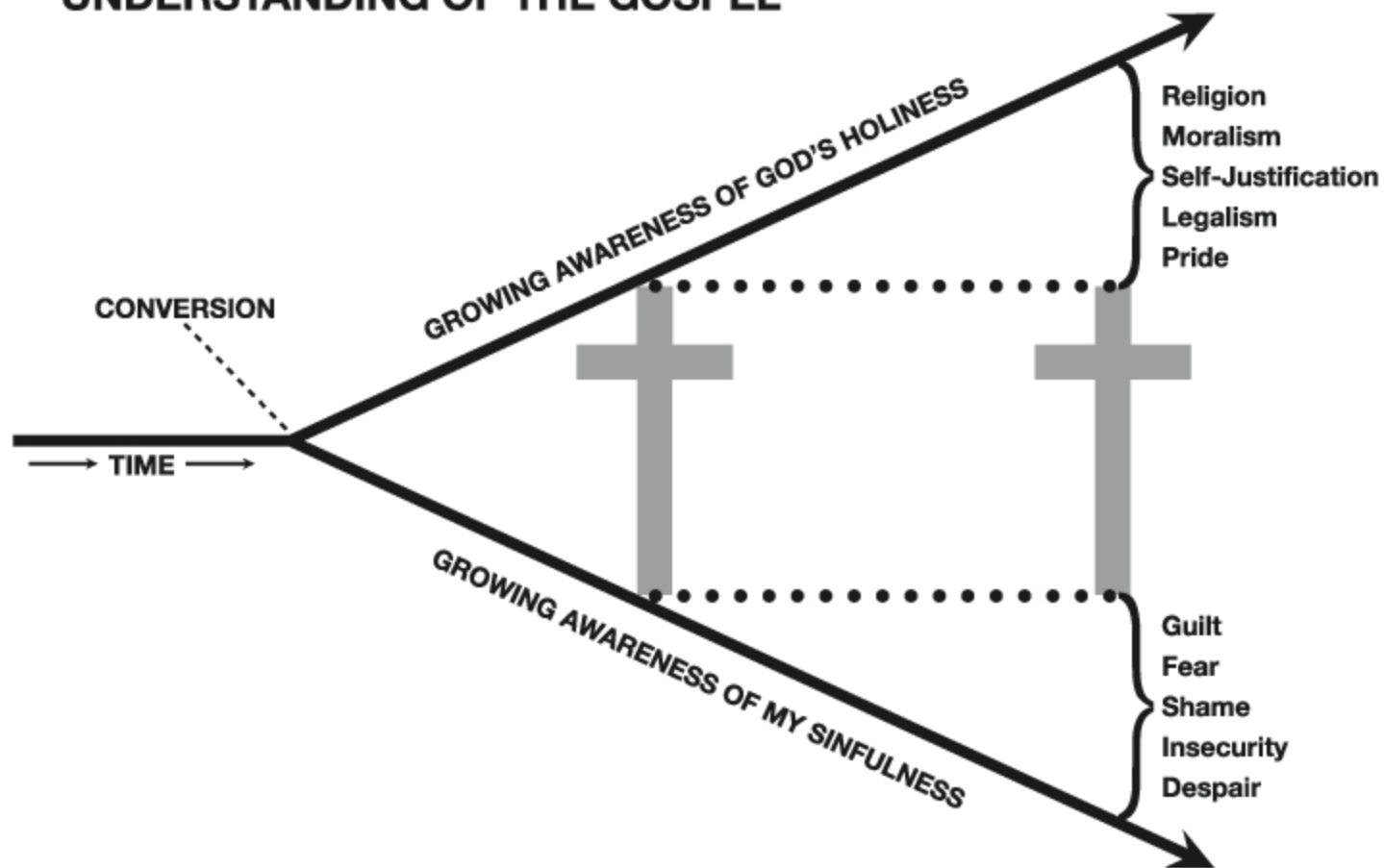
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**License:** You can admit from the start that you cannot obey this command and simply dismiss it as a biblical ideal you are not actually expected to obey. This is what it means to abuse God's grace and give in to sin.



# CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT A GROWING UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOSPEL



**Serve a New Master**

# Serve a New Master

I sing a new song  
Since Jesus came.  
Serve a new master,  
Wear a new name.  
Walk a new road,  
Have a new goal,  
Know a new peace,  
Down deep in my soul.

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# Gospel Application

*Jesus has set you free from sin to be free in him.*